Pending wind power demonstration projects

†2490. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have two wind power demonstration projects of two megawatt each pending; and

(b) by when the approval will be accorded thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) Two proposals for 2 MW each demonstration wind farm projects in Madhya Pradesh were received in the Ministry from the Nodal Agency in the State *i.e.* Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam, Bhopal.

(b) The State Nodal Agency is yet to confirm completion of certain conditions for sanctioning wind demonstration projects such as finalization of Power Purchase Agreement with State Utility and power evacuation facility for both the above projects and availability of State share of funds for one of the projects.

Remote villages electrification programmes

2491. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to provide solar electricity to all remote villages in the country under Remote Village Electrification Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of villages identified in different States/UTs, the number of remote villages covered upto 31st March, 2006 and target set for 2006-07; and

(d) by when the remote villages will be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) Under the Remote Village Electrification Programme of the Ministry,

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